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H. CON. RES. 175

Concerning the Arab League boycott of Israel.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DEUTSCH (for himself, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. SWETT, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. WYNN, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. LEVY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. FINGERHUT, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Ms. MARGOLIES-MEZVINSKY, Mr. TORKILDSSEN, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. ANDREWS of New Jersey, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. JOHNSTON of Florida, and Mr. GILMAN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Concerning the Arab League boycott of Israel.

Whereas the signing on September 13, 1993, of the Declaration of Principles between the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Government of Israel signals a new era of cooperation in the Middle East;

Whereas a true peace in the Middle East can only be established and remain in effect if there is economic stability and cooperation in the region;

Whereas adherence to the Arab League boycott of Israel is a source of economic instability in the Middle East;

Whereas the nations of the Arab League instituted a primary boycott against Israel in 1948;

Whereas in the early 1950's the Arab nations instituted a secondary and tertiary boycott against the United States and other firms because of their commercial ties to Israel;

Whereas the boycott attempts to use economic blackmail to force United States firms to comply with boycott regulation;

Whereas the boycott was cited by the United States Trade Representative in the 1992 National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers as an "additional legal restraint to U.S. trade in the region";

Whereas hundreds of United States firms have been blacklisted and barred from doing business with nations of the Arab League under the secondary and tertiary boycott;

Whereas the total damage caused by the boycott is unknown because the number of United States firms that conduct business with Israel and have not attempted commercial transactions with nations of the Arab League due to boycott requirements is uncertain; and

Whereas the United States has a policy of prohibiting United States firms from providing Arab nations with the requested evidence of compliance to boycott regulation:
Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring),*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This resolution may be cited as the “Anti-Boycott
3 Resolution of 1993”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXPRESSION OF CONGRESSIONAL VIEWS.**

5 The Congress—

6 (1) believes the continuation of the Arab
7 League boycott of Israel will be a severe impediment
8 to the economic prosperity of all participating na-
9 tions and to the establishment of a lasting peace in
10 the Middle East;

11 (2) believes the secondary and tertiary boycott
12 cause substantial economic losses to United States
13 firms;

14 (3) welcomes the actions by those nations of the
15 Arab League that have begun dismantling the sec-
16 ondary and tertiary boycott, and urges them to con-
17 tinue their efforts until a complete dissolution of the
18 primary, secondary, and tertiary boycott is achieved;

19 (4) hopes that the indefinite postponement of
20 the October 24, 1993, meeting of the Central Boy-
21 cott Committee signals an end to the placement of
22 more United States firms on the boycott list and a
23 willingness to dismantle the boycott in its entirety;

24 (5) urges those nations that have begun to or
25 are considering dismantling all forms of the boycott
26 to publicly make such statements;

1 (6) urges those nations that are still enforcing
2 the boycott to dismantle the boycott in all its forms
3 and to issue the necessary laws, rules, and regula-
4 tions to ensure that United States firms have free
5 and open access to Arab markets regardless of their
6 business relationship with Israel;

7 (7) urges those nations, in addition, to cease
8 enforcing and requiring participation in the boycott
9 in its primary, secondary, and tertiary forms;

10 (8) urges the United States Government to con-
11 tinue to raise the boycott as an unfair trade practice
12 in every appropriate international trade forum; and

13 (9) expresses the sense of the Congress that the
14 end of the Arab League boycott of Israel is of great
15 urgency to the United States Government and will
16 continue to be a priority issue in all bilateral rela-
17 tions with participating nations until its complete
18 dissolution.

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